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- The Soviets are now importing special sheet metal for electric motors and trans-1. formers from the USSR for the USIA-controlled electrical industry, since Schmidhuette Krems, Austrian source of this product, is delivering only small and inadequate amounts.
- Beginning in the middle of June 1948, several carloads of sheet metal packed in boxes arrived at Siemens-Schuckert A.G. plants in Vienna XX, Engerthstrasse, and Vienna XXI, Siemensstrasse. According to informant, this raterial comes from a metal works in Sverdlovsk in the Urals. In return for this metal, which is of fair quality, although it does not neet the standards of Schridhuette and Boehler in Austria, the USIA plants are required to deliver electric notors to comment: It is possible that the 2000 motors referred to in were sent to the USSR for this purpose. It also seems highly unlikely that an industry which must go to these lengths to procure its raw materials can long survive in a competive economy.)

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